

1. A casket comprising:

a casket shell;

a casket lid close able upon said shell; and

deployable structure, operably associated with at least one of

5 said shell and said lid, and integrally formed therewith, which, when deployed,  
defines a memorial surface adapted to have placed thereon items of  
memorialization for display;

said structure being so configured and arranged such that the  
items of memorialization must be removed therefrom when said structure is  
10 not deployed.

2. The casket of claim 1 wherein said deployable structure is operably associated with said shell.

3. The casket of claim 2 wherein said shell includes a roll-type shelf mounted therein at a foot end thereof, said shelf adapted to be deployed  
5 by grasping a head end thereof and pulling said shelf from a foot end of said shell toward a head end of said shell.

4. The casket of claim 2 wherein said shell includes a pie-shaped shelf mounted in said shell, said shelf having first and second edges having first interconnected ends forming an apex and second ends  
10 interconnected by a third arcuate edge, said shelf pivoted to said shell at said apex of said shelf, said shelf adapted to be deployed by grasping a leading one of said first and second edges and pulling said shelf outwardly.

5. The casket of claim 4 wherein said shelf is mounted to said shell at an upper edge thereof.

15 6. The casket of claim 4 wherein said shelf is mounted to said shell at a lower edge thereof.

7. The casket of claim 4 wherein said shelf is mounted to said shell at an end thereof.

8. The casket of claim 4 wherein said shelf is mounted to said shell at a side thereof.

9. The casket of claim 2 wherein said shell includes a shelf pivotally mounted thereto at a forward side thereof and at an upper edge thereof, said shelf adapted to be deployed by first opening said lid, pivoting said shelf out of said shell and then closing said lid.

10. The casket of claim 2 wherein said shell includes a shelf pivotally mounted thereto at a foot end thereof and at an upper edge thereof, said shelf adapted to be deployed by first opening said lid, pivoting said shelf out of said shell and then closing said lid.

11. The casket of claim 2 wherein said shell includes a shelf slidably mounted therein, said shelf adapted to be deployed by pulling said shelf out of said shell.

12. The casket of claim 11 wherein said shelf is mounted in said shell at an upper edge thereof.

13. The casket of claim 11 wherein said shelf is mounted in said shell at a lower edge thereof.

14. The casket of claim 11 wherein said shelf is mounted in said shell at an end thereof.

15. The casket of claim 11 wherein said shelf is mounted in said shell at a side thereof.

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16. The casket of claim 2 wherein said shell includes a shelf pivotally mounted to a foot end wall thereof along an upper edge of said shelf, said shelf adapted to be deployed by pivoting said shelf away from said foot end wall of said shell.

17. The casket of claim 1 wherein said deployable structure is operably associated with said lid.

18. The casket of claim 17 wherein said lid includes a shadow box mounted to an underside thereof, said shadow box including a plurality of horizontal shelves upon which the items of memorialization can be placed and vertical divider panels defining, with said shelves, a plurality of three dimensional frames within which the items of memorialization can be displayed.

19. The casket of claim 17 wherein said lid extends the full length of said shell and is readily detachable therefrom, and wherein said lid includes a plurality of vertical divider panels which, when said lid is detached from said shell and positioned upright on an end thereof, forms an upstanding, freestanding set of shelves upon which the items of memorialization can be displayed.

20. The casket of claim 17 wherein said lid includes a lower portion and an upper portion pivoted to said lower portion, said upper portion adapted to be deployed by pivoting said upper portion away from said lower portion.

21. The casket of claim 20 wherein said upper portion is pivoted to said lower portion at a foot end edge thereof.

22. The casket of claim 20 wherein said upper portion is pivoted to said lower portion at a forward side edge thereof.

5                   23. The casket of claim 20 wherein said upper portion is pivoted to said lower portion at a rearward side edge thereof.

24. The casket of claim 20 wherein said casket includes a head end lid and a foot end lid, and wherein said head end lid includes a shelf slidably and pivotally mounted therein, said shelf adapted to be deployed by first opening said head end lid, sliding said shelf out of said lid and then pivoting said shelf downwardly relative to said lid.

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25. The casket of claim 20 wherein said lid includes four posts mounted to an upper surface thereof, and a shelf mounted atop said posts.

26. The casket of claim 20 wherein said lid includes a shelf pivotally mounted to an underneath side of said lid along a lower edge of said shelf, said shelf adapted to be deployed by opening said foot end lid and pivoting said shelf downwardly relative to said lid.

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27. The casket of claim 20 wherein said lid includes an end panel and wherein said end panel includes a shelf pivotally mounted to said end panel along a lower edge of said shelf, said shelf adapted to be deployed by pivoting said shelf away from said end panel.

5                   28. The casket of claim 27 wherein said shelf includes first, second and third sections, said first section pivoted to said end panel, said second and third sections pivoted to said first section at opposite side edges of said first section, said shelf adapted to be deployed by pivoting said first section away from said end panel and by pivoting said second and third  
10 sections relative to said first section to thereby form a substantially planar shelf out of said first, second and third sections.